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Transport of fish by Government vehicles

* 2077 Q.—Sri T. P. ELUMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 9-30 a.m.

(a) whether Government vehicles for the transport of fish are available to all persons who market fish from the places touched by the vehicles;

(b) whether individuals are given any priority over co-operative institutions in the matter;

(c) whether spare vehicles are made available, if there is any breakdown in transit; and

(d) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Government vehicles are made available for transport of fish to any fisherman or fishermen co-operative society on application, subject to the applicant entering into an agreement as prescribed by the Fisheries Department.

" (b) No.

" (c) No spare vehicles are kept ready to be used, if there is any breakdown in transit. However, all efforts are made to provide another vehicle in case of any breakdown.

" (d) The scheme is being worked on a restricted scale with only six vehicles and any proposal to introduce additional vehicles at the existing rates of the hire charges will mean additional loss to the Government."

Honorary Dental Surgeons in Government hospitals

* 2078 Q.—Sri C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Honorary Dental Surgeons in the Stanley Hospital, Rayapuram, and the Government Hospital, Royapetta; and

(b) if so, their names and qualifications?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir; two Honorary Assistant Medical Officers are in charge of the Dental Sections of the two hospitals. They are—

Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, L.M.P., Government Stanley Hospital, Madras.

Dr. G. B. Raj, L.M.P., Government Royapetta Hospital, Madras.

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—" Is it a fact that people who were more qualified than these people applied for the same post? "